Weymouth Feby 12th 1859

Dear Mr Garrison

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I am pained to learn from the affecting letter of Mr May, how much our beloved friend & brother, George Thompson is suffering from the terrible illness which the climate of India has brought upon him. Happily, suffering for want of the means of existence *cannot* continue to be a part of that sacrifice he early made for right, when once we, whose cause, to the ruin of his own prospects he then took up, whose heart he enlarged & whose labours he lightened for life, become aware of his present situation.

I think Mr May's idea that a *thousand* *dollars* ought immediately to be forwarded from the scene of his labours here, an excellent one. With what the British friends whom our example will incite, shall afterwards do, it will carry him along till the good promise of restoration be fulfilled which his state of health would now afford if he were relieved from present anxiety & want.

Want! – & George Thompson to *want*, while the abolitionists of '35 live! *Not if they know it*, I am confident. I hope you will send Mr May's letter to such as we know would

would feel impelled to send $100 to you in reply. I think I know some such as

Edward M. Stearns,
{Francis Jackson &
{C. F. Hovey
Philadelphia friends
Lynn friends

Gerritt Smith
{Wendell Phillips &
{M. W. Chapman
New-York friends
Marcus Spring

And the names of the following generous hearted friends who are like ourselves so deeply indebted to Thompson, might surely be set down for $20 to $5 each.

$20
Mrs Sarah Shaw
+ Drapers
Wh. Curtis
Borden +
Th. Davis +
Mrs Loring +
~~Timothy Gilbert~~
E. B. ~~Fay~~
Amos Farnsworth - +
Miss Robey -
Wm. R. Pope(?)
Merritt - Salem
Savage -
Mrs. Smith -
+ Susan B. Anthony -
Rev. J. T. Sargent -

Grover
+ Benj. Snow,
Lindsley
Ayers -
Harmon
Haverhill

$10 or $5
Mrs. Fifield
Wm. Fifield.
Hallowell.
+ William Bassett
+ J. Curtis
+ N. Sargent
+ R. Clap
+ J. Russell
+ James Buffum
+ Samuel Reed
+ Amasa Walker
+ Andrew Robeson
+ William Ashby
+ S. Sewall
J. Earle
+ David Joy

~~Mr.~~ Alger
Lodge
+ ~~Bowditch~~
+ M. Chapman
+ L. Child
+ May
Bowker
+ D. Ricketson
~~Southwick~~
H. G. Chapman
+ Wm. Coffin,
+ Wm. A. Hall,

I am confident from my never yet disappointed trust in the high feeling of these friends that, taken collectively they are *good* for $1000. in this behalf. Count me for $50 — for I shall deem it a duty to the cause to borrow it, if I can do no other.

With thanks for your kindness in sending me the letter of Mr May which I herewith enclose

I am ever

your obliged & obdt friend

M. W. Chapman.

P. S. I would not counsel any *public* mention of this necessity, which it ought to be *our* exclusive privilege & honour to obviate. Perhaps a circular, embodying a few sentences of Mr. May's letter, (by just stepping in to a Lithographer's office & writing it with their *prepared* paper & ink it *could* be done without trouble) would be the best method, as except in a few instances, the letter itself would be too slow a process.